

Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse
Eastern Pastoral Care Area 4
St. Joan of Arc, St. Bernard, St. Mary, St. Joseph
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2020

Masses this Week:

- Sat., Dec. 19, 4 PM, Vigil – St. Joan’s**
Thelma Belitz by Fran Belitz
6 PM, Vigil – St. Joseph’s
Richard Clair, Sr. by sisters and brothers
Marguerite and Edward Vaeth
by Mary and John Lopata
- Sun., Dec. 20, 9 AM – St. Bernard’s**
Terrence J. Mangan (6th)
by Kate and Tom McNamara
11 AM – St. Mary’s
Bill Nolan by Fran and Jimmy Gargiulo
- Mon., Dec. 21, 8 AM – St. Bernard’s**
For the Priests and Deacons in our PCA
- Tues., Dec. 22, 8 AM – St. Mary’s**
Deceased members of the Kidd and Follett Families
By Jennifer Follett
- Wed., Dec. 23, 8 AM – St. Bernard’s**
For the People of our Parishes
- CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASSES**
- Thurs., Dec. 24, 4 PM, Vigil – St. Bernard’s**
Lorenzo and Giuseppina by Pumilia Family
- Thurs., Dec. 24, 4 PM, Vigil – St. Joseph’s**
For Fr. Vincent Kelly by Fr. Hage
- Thurs., Dec. 24, 4 PM, Vigil – St. Mary’s**
Anthony George by Art and Bernie Steneri
- Thurs., Dec. 24 7 PM, Vigil – St. Joan’s**
For the Sick & Homebound in our PCA
- Thurs., Dec. 24, 10 PM, Mass during
the Night – St. Mary’s**
Jeremiah Williams by Mom and Dad and Family
- CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES**
- Fri., Dec. 25, 9 AM – St. Bernard’s**
Anthony George by Charleen George
- Fri., Dec. 25, 9 AM – St. Joseph’s**
For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood
- Fri., Dec. 25, 9 AM – St. Joan’s**
Kathy Scofield by Mary Claire Helmer
- Sat., Dec. 26, 4 PM, Vigil – St. Joan’s**
Steve Jones by The Periard Family
6 PM, Vigil – St. Joseph’s
Terrence Mullen by Chuck and Judy Engle
- Sun., Dec. 27, 9 AM – St. Bernard’s**
Charles Gallagher, Jr. by Family
11 AM – St. Mary’s
Rocky Faraone by Betty Faraone

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER HAGE

We have been hearing a lot about St. John the Baptist in our Sunday readings during the Advent season. He is one who is crying out in the desert, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” As believers, we prepare the way for the Lord primarily by how we live, and not so much by what we say. An authentically lived Christian witness is the most powerful way someone can have an encounter with the Lord. Our holiness of life is what will attract people to faith. The one thing that can cloud an authentically lived Christian witness is sin. Sin can obscure God’s image within us. Sin is a reality, but it is a reality that we, as Catholics, are not afraid to face up. Hence, the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Each time we celebrate this sacrament of mercy, we receive the grace to leave behind that which holds us down. In the confessional we take a step toward more perfect freedom and more convincing authenticity. Why is that? Because in the Sacrament of Reconciliation we celebrate the fact that God’s mercy is greater than our sin. This Advent season, I invite you to return to the Lord in a renewed way by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Even if you have not been in a while, have no fear! I will be happy to walk you through it when you arrive. There is nothing that brings me greater joy than hearing someone’s confession because I get to see them walk out of the confessional with a renewed confidence in God’s love for them. All you have to do is come. Remember, God’s love and God’s mercy is greater than our sin. Put your trust in His mercy. I hope to see you this Monday, December 21 at St. Bernard’s in Waterville when Father Carey and I will be available to hear confessions in the church for the entire PCA from 4pm to 7pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will also be taking place while confessions are being heard, so even if you do not want to celebrate the Sacrament that evening, you can still stop by and say a prayer in front of our Eucharistic Lord. This will be a “night of mercy!” St. Joan of Arc, St. Bernard, St. Mary, and St. Joseph, pray for us!

Advent Light Is On Campaign

Father Hage and Father Carey will be prepared to hear Confessions for an extended period on Monday, Dec 21 from 4pm until 7pm at St. Bernard's in Waterville for the entire PCA. Father Hage will expose the Blessed Sacrament on the high altar at 4pm, so parishioners can also adore the Blessed Sacrament while they wait in line to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He will do Solemn Benediction at 7pm to conclude this special offering. Please take advantage of this unique opportunity to receive God's mercy this year.

This Week's Events

- Sat., Dec. 19, 7am** – St. Bernard's morning Rosary Group,
St. Bernard's, Waterville
- Sat., Dec. 19, 3:30pm** – St. Joan's afternoon Rosary Group,
St. Joan's, Morrisville
- Sat, Dec. 19, 5pm** – Confessions with Fr. Kelly,
St. Joseph's, Oriskany Falls
- Sun., Dec. 20, 11am** – Livestream Mass
- Mon. Dec. 21, 4pm–7pm** – Light Is On Campaign,
St. Bernard's, Waterville
- Tues., Dec. 22, 5:30pm** – PCA Holy Hour w/Confessions
St. Joseph's, Oriskany Falls
- Wed., Dec. 23, 8am-8pm** – **All-day Visitation to Jesus in the Manger,**
All 4 Churches in PCA
- Wed., Dec. 24, 4pm** – Livestream Christmas Mass
- Wed., Dec. 24, 10pm** – Livestream Christmas Mass
- Thurs., Dec. 25 9am** – Livestream Christmas Mass
- Sat., Dec. 26, 7am** – St. Bernard's morning Rosary Group,
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Ministers for Liturgy

4 PM (12/19) – St. Joan's

Lectors: Lisa Rusch – First Reading
Mike Bischoff - Second Reading
Altar Servers: Levi Doroshenko, Heather Doroshenko

9 AM (12/20) – St. Bernard's

Hospitality: Mary McLean and Joan Lallier
Usher: Laurie Toussaint
Lectors: Chris Hill – First Reading
Paul Gallagher – Second Reading

Altar Servers: Connor Stanton, Rylan Stanton

11 AM (12/20) – St. Mary's

Lectors: Janice Swain – First Reading
Sue Lehmann – Second Reading
Altar Servers: Will Chouinard, Raphael Olsen
Live-Stream: Katelyn Simpson

Special All-day Visitation to Jesus in the Manger on Wed, Dec 23

For those who are not able to attend in-person Christmas Masses this year due the pandemic, all four churches in our PCA will be open all day on Wednesday, December 23 from 8am until 8pm ready to receive pilgrims who would like to make a traditional visit to Jesus in the manger. There will be no more than 10 persons in the church at a time. Families will receive a Christmas gift basket that will contain an at-home kit for how to celebrate Christmas as a family this year from the home. For more information, visit Route20Catholic.org or like us on Facebook @Route20Catholic.

Please Offer Prayers:

For those who are ill, especially: Louise MacDonnell, Michael K. Dugan, John Moore, Amber Buell, Brenda Thieben, David Lemery, Alex LaBrague, Nancy Cocker, Dick Cocker, Phyllis Harris, Jacob Lamb, Mike Harry, Mary Lou Sacco Crouch, James Marcellus, Mandy McCracken, Gertrude Federici, Helen Bonhotal, Nicholas Respecki, Bethany Merenda, Jim Jackson, Jim Eiholzer, Catherine Jones, Catherine Albrecht Hanson, Theresa Blass, Mary Messere, Kaitlin Nagle, Richard Foligno, Eddie Kunze, Valorie Gunther, Michelle Atkinson, Diane Needham, Anthony Somma, Toni and Larry Barns, Alyssa Hinkis, Carol Benzoni, John Wells, Bobby D'Angelo, Hannah Karlson, Mike & Sarah Periard, Dana Camp, Emily Carroll, Malcolm Pownall, Roy Rolle, Roy Roher, Mark Losee, John Monahan, Christine Webb, Patti VanVoorhis, Carolyn Depta, Margaret Peer, Marsha Roberts, Michael Bartlett, Dorothy Lynch, Esther Davis, Shane Gallup, Robin Maciag, Mark Naef, Mary Golley, Maria Braun, Katherine Peck, John Bellan, Gladys Graham, Gerald Hayes, Dan Koehl, Jaye Parsons, Larry Winters, Jennifer Follett, Beverly Thorp, Sharon Woodcock, Teresa Lemery, Tom Barnes, Irene Lew and all those on our prayer lines.

For all in the Military, especially: SPC Ryan Fowler; 2LT Shelly Respecki; SGT Wade Curtis; PO Dan Molloy, USN; SGT Ian Witchley; LT Andrew Stopchick, USN; GySgt Greg Palmere, USMC; and Corp. Wayne Lyrek, USMC; Cameron Fisher, Staff Sgt., and Father Lukasz Kozlowski.

For all Medical Professionals, especially: Kerri Taylor, Jennifer Meyers, Ellen Larson, Ray Meeks, Annemarie Glouse, Stefanie Zombek, Stanley Zombek, Sean Fadale, Jen Mansfield, Donna Pisiak-Relf, Jonathan Eastman, Stephen Jackowski, Emma VanVoorhis, Chelly Crouch, Esther Hooftallen and all others on the front lines of this pandemic.

New Online Men's & Women's Faith Sharing Groups!

The Genesis Mission strengthens our daily commitment to Know, Live, and Share Our Catholic Faith through encounter with the person of Jesus Christ. This opportunity is open to all parishioners from St. Joan of Arc, St. Bernard's, St. Mary's, and St. Joseph's! These meetings will be conducted over Zoom, and will take place every Monday beginning on January 4, 2021 and will run for seven weeks. This will be an opportunity of a lifetime because it will give you the chance to grow in your faith with the support of our community during this time of pandemic. Carolyn Tine from St. Mary's/St Joan's and Laurie Ostrander from St. Bernard's will be the co-facilitators of the women's group. David Dudrick from St. Mary's and Chris Doroshenko from St. Joan's will be the co-facilitators of the men's group. This outreach requires no preparation and no knowledge or experience to participate! It is faith sharing made easy and a wonderful way to connect with community members. If you are interested in joining the men's or women's groups, please register on the following link before Sunday, January 3rd:

<https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/YHB3Ri>

Mass Intention Requests for St. Joseph's

Change in Procedure - Please complete the information requested on the new Mass request stipend envelope, along with your payment. Your Mass request will be recorded upon receipt of this envelope. Please also include your phone number. Envelopes are in the vestibule.

Parish Family Christmas Tree at St. Joan of Arc

This year we would like to begin a new tradition at St. Joan of Arc. The Christmas tree on the alter will be in honor of all our parish families here at St. Joan's. Please bring an ornament with a small tag that has your family name on it this weekend to church and place it on the tree after mass. If you won't be at mass on Saturday, there will be a basket by the Chapel door so that you can bring your ornaments any time before Christmas Eve and it will be put on the tree for you.

Holiday Office Hours

The parish offices in our PCA will be closed from Christmas Day to New Year's Day. Father Hage and the staff will still be working in the office and will be responding to emails and phone calls. Father Hage would like to give our staff and volunteers a much needed reprieve after a very busy Advent season as well as give the staff time to catch up in order to get a good start in the New Year. Thank you for your cooperation.

Christmas Pre-Registration Link

The Pre-Registration Link is Now Live on Route20Catholic.org!

Christmas Mass Times [No walk-ins; pre-registration only]

4pm Vigil Mass at St. Mary's in Hamilton;
4pm Vigil Mass at St. Bernard's in Waterville;
4pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's in Oriskany Falls;
7pm Vigil Mass at St. Joan of Arc in Morrisville;
10pm Mass during the Night at St. Mary's in Hamilton;
9am Christmas Day Mass at St. Bernard's in Waterville;
9am Christmas Day Mass at St. Joseph's in Oriskany Falls;
9am Christmas Day Mass at St. Joan of Arc in Morrisville.
The 4pm, the 10pm, and the 9am Masses will be live streamed on our Facebook page. We will not be able to accommodate walk-ins at these Masses due to COVID safety protocols and social distancing guidelines.

Newly Formed Finance Councils for St. Bernard's and St. Joseph's!

Father Hage is pleased to announce the newly formed Finance Council for St. Bernard's in Waterville: David Upcraft as Finance Chair; Paul Gallagher as Consultant; Dick Martin as Trustee; and Bob Pletl as Trustee. Father Hage is also pleased to announce the newly formed Finance Council for St. Joseph's in Oriskany Falls: Gary Anderson as Finance Chair; Annie Wilmot as Consultant; Corey Eastman as Trustee; and Ben Stuttard as Trustee.

Christmas Gift Idea for Homebound in our PCA

Deacon Mark Shiner is heading up a unique giving project for our PCA. He would like to facilitate the donation of Amazon Fire Tablets to all parishioners in our PCA who do not have access to the internet. A free hotspot will be provided to each of these persons along with the tablet. That way, our sick and homebound who do not have access to the internet can join our parishes for livestream Masses, classes, programs, etc. This will be a great gift to our sick and homebound because it will allow them to stay more connected to our parish communities during this time of pandemic, and hopefully provide them a little relief. Please reach out to Deacon Mark at MShiner@colgate.edu if you are interested in helping with this project or would like to donate to this initiative.

E-PCA 4 Youth Ministry Info

We will be having our next Youth Ministry Event on Sunday, December 20 at 6:30. This event will be a virtual Gingerbread house creation, where we will supply your teens with supplies to make their own Gingerbread House. **Please RSVP to mary@fiver.org or 315-430-8910 if your teen would like to participate.** We will get the appropriate number of sets to each Church and designate an area for you to pick them up.

Family Visit to the Manger:

Father Hage is looking for greeters on December 23 at each parish to help with this Christmas Celebration. Please let Mary Dinski know if your teen would like to participate, this will count toward their service hours for confirmation.

Grades Pre K – Grade 5 Faith Formation:

December Classes will be held Sunday's from 10:15AM – 10:45AM via Zoom as follows; December 6: Pre K – Gr 1, December 13: Gr 2 & 3, December 20: Gr 4 & 5. Families will receive a Zoom invitation via email several days prior to your scheduled class.

First Friday All-day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Bernard's in Waterville

All parishioners in our PCA are welcome to experience this grace-filled time on the first Friday of each month from 8am-8pm at St. Bernard's. Jesus is really present in the Eucharist, and He knows the inmost secrets of our hearts. Resting in His Divine Presence is like "spiritual radiation therapy." If you would like to keep watch with Our Lord regularly for a one-hour increment, please reach out to Laurie Ostrander at (315) 525-7831 or l_ostrander@yahoo.com. Otherwise, stop in as your time allows and let Jesus take the lead and heal you from deep within. What a great way to start the New Year off on Friday, January 1st. Join us!

New PCA Facebook Page!

Check out our new PCA Facebook page for all up-to-date news on upcoming events in the four parishes in our PCA. The 11am Sunday morning Mass will be livestreamed for the whole PCA on this platform as well. Please like us [@Route20Catholic](https://www.facebook.com/Route20Catholic).

New Beginnings

Advent would be a great time to consider a new beginning. If you have ever considered joining the Catholic Church or being confirmed in the Faith, now is a good time to start the exploration to see if it is right for you. We are just beginning our RCIA process for this year, so contact Deacon Paul at dcpaullehmann@gmail.com or call him at (315) 794-1393.

St. Bernard's Saturday Morning Rosary Group

All parishioners in our PCA are welcome to join the St. Bernard's Saturday Morning Prayer Group for the recitation of the Rosary and simple Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday morning at 7am in the church. For more information, please reach out to Mike Tower at 315-525-9803 or towerm95@gmail.com.

St. Joan of Arc Saturday Afternoon Rosary Group

All parishioners in our PCA are welcome to join the St. Joan of Arc Saturday Hour of Mercy Prayer Group for the recitation of the Rosary and simple Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday afternoon at 3:30pm in the church before their 4pm Vigil Mass. For more information, please reach out to Katie Rowland at katiger12@yahoo.com.

New PCA Website!!!

Please check out our new PCA website at www.Route20Catholic.org that now includes all four parishes on one online platform! We are so excited to finally launch this collaborative online initiative. This will hopefully streamline the release of information to all four parishes, and now all parishioners across the PCA can access one platform for the most up-to-date information on what is happening locally in our region.

St. Joan of Arc Giving Tree

Gifts from the St. Joan of Arc Giving Tree were distributed on December 11 and 12. Gifts of clothes, books, toys, games and stuffed animals were given to 73 local families and provided a magical Christmas morning to 169 children. As we do every year, we gave the seniors at Crouse Community Center gifts of clothing, toiletries, pillows and jewelry. This year we were also able to assist St. Augustine's Catholic Church in Baldwinsville to help support a battered Women and Children's shelter. Thank you to the communities of the Morrisville area, the parish families of St. Joan of Arc, St. Mary's and St. Paul's in Rome along with the Colgate Newman students. Please see more detailed thank you letter from Judy Parker attached.

Hamilton Interfaith Holiday Project

Hamilton's Interfaith Holiday Project was a huge success this year, with the help of generous donations and contributions made from St. Mary's parishioners. 241 children will receive gifts, hats and mitten, toiletries and a family food basket. In addition, 57 food baskets were delivered to area senior citizens. Thank you for your generosity, thoughtfulness and acts of kindness as this past year has been most difficult for so many. The Mid-York Interfaith Holiday Project committee wishes St. Mary's Parish a very Merry Christmas and a blessed and healthy 2021. God bless you!

Please RSVP for Masses

Please be reminded that preregistering for weekend Mass helps us help everyone stay safe and healthy by allowing us to preplan for your seating. By specifying the ***total number of people in your group***, we can best seat you efficiently with our reduced seating capacity. Please anticipate that seating will take place from the front of the church to the back, with front pews reserved for single seating needs.

PCA Update on Holy Hours

This week's PCA Holy Hour will take place at St. Joseph's in Oriskany Falls at 5:30pm on Tuesday, December 22. Ben Stuttard will be receiving his Immaculata Award at the beginning of this Holy Hour! These PCA Holy Hours involve Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Solemn Benediction will be made available to each campus on a monthly basis. These Holy Hours take place every Tuesday at 5:30pm on a rotating basis: 1st Tuesday will be at St. Joan's; 2nd Tuesday will be at St. Bernard's; 3rd Tuesday will be at St. Mary's; 4th Tuesday will be at St. Joseph's.

PCA Update on Weekly Confessions

Father Hage will be hearing confessions this Tuesday, December 22 from 5:30pm until 6:30pm at St. Joseph's in Oriskany Falls. Confessions will be made available to each campus on a monthly basis. The opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place every Tuesday from 5:30pm until 6:30pm on a rotating basis: 1st Tuesday will be at St. Joan's; 2nd Tuesday will be at St. Bernard's; 3rd Tuesday will be at St. Mary's; 4th Tuesday will be at St. Joseph's. Now all four campuses will have equal opportunity to celebrate this great sacrament of mercy.

Consolation Ministers – December

St. Joan's – Lona Dahlem (495-6478), Chuck Molloy (684-9398) & Paula Curtis (684-9058)

St. Mary's – Fran Gargiulo (518-469-5682), Joanne Lloyd (315-824-1897) and Joe Connors (315-684-3590)

11 AM Sunday Morning Mass Live-streamed!

Please join the entire PCA Parish Family for Sunday Mass online in real time every Sunday at 11am! You can access the livestream by visiting:

<https://www.facebook.com/Route20Catholic>

HOPE Appeal

Thank you to all of our Parishioners who have already joined together in pledging their gift to the 2020 HOPE Appeal. If you have not made your commitment, please reflect upon the importance of your charitable involvement and prayerfully consider making a gift to the Appeal to help our parish and Diocese meet their goal and be able to fund the very important work carried out by many ministries supported by the Appeal. Every gift is important and no gift is too small or too large. Thank you for your generosity. Please visit the diocesan website at www.syrдио.org for more information.

E – PCA 4 Financial Reports

St. Joan’s Financial Support – 12-13

Ordinary	\$1,444.00
Christmas Project	175.00
Christmas Flowers	80.00
Special Gift	100.00

HOPE Appeal Goal - \$6,218.44

HOPE Appeal Amount Received \$7,400.00

as of 12/09/20

Percent of Goal – 119% (+\$1,181.56!)

St. Joan of Arc Mailing Address

The mailing address for St. Joan of Arc is P.O. Box 1087, Morrisville, NY 13408. Mail offertory here.

St. Bernard’s Financial Support – 12-13

Ordinary	\$1,767.00
Cathedraticum	220.00
Christmas Baskets	300.00

HOPE Appeal Goal \$15,453.84

HOPE Appeal Amount Received \$15,760.00

as of 12/17/20

Percent of Goal – 102% (+306.16!)

St. Mary’s Financial Support – 12-13

Weekly Ordinary	\$2,804.50
Fuel	120.00
Christmas	45.00
Christmas Flowers	320.00
Tohatchi	31.00
Clerical Fund	90.00
Cathedraticum	15.00
Immaculate Conception	119.00
Youth Group	10.00

HOPE Appeal Goal - \$15,545.63

HOPE Appeal Amount Received \$12,343.00

as of 12/16/20

Percent of Goal – 79.4%

*The Sanctuary light at St. Mary’s is lit in memory of
Thelma Belitz by her family.*

*The greens on the altar were given by Sylvia Roe in memory of
her mother, Millie Palermo.*

St. Joseph’s Financial Support – 12-13

Ordinary	\$705.00
Christmas Flowers	95.00
Holy Day	45.00

HOPE Appeal Goal \$6,657.83

HOPE Appeal Amount Received \$3,515.00

as of 12/17/20

Percent of Goal – 52.8%